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THE RULE: Someone has been lobbying. The votes are largely changed, and the result now is: Choice One, 0; Choice Two, 4; Choice Three, 2; one vote unrecorded (by my error - but it matters not at all). Thus number two winneth all prizes, and so the 'rule' comes out:

The players have among themselves a gentlemen's agreement not to wholly eliminate any power from the board. Shall one player violate this agreement, the others are honor-pledged to immediately and totally destroy the evildoer prior to proceeding with normal killing, raping, burning, and salting of land.

However, the Gamesmaster may not intervene in any way to enforce any of the above, and violation shall bring no official sanctions.

THE GAME: Reason I'm late, see, is that I forgot the deadline. I also had a lot to do, so I didn't much worry about it; I just picked July 30 as the logical day to start typing. Hereafter deadlines at three-week intervals will be rigidly enforced. This will purposely offset this magazine from my other productions; players in other(s) of my games please note.

THE MOVES: Game 1971-BA, Spring 1901

AUSTRIA (Manogg): A VIE (H). A BUD-SER. F TRI-ALB.
ENGLAND (Barrows): A LYP-BEL. F EDI-NWG. F LON-NTH.
FRANCE (Peery): a par-bur... a war-pic. F BRE-MID.
GERMANY (Just): A BER-KIE. a mun-bur. F KIE-HOLL.
ITALY (Walker): a ven-pic. a rom-ven. F NAP-ION.
RUSSIA (Ward): A MOS-SER. A WAR-UKR. F SER-RUN. F STP SC-GBOTH.
TURKEY (Ver Floeg): A SMY-CON. A CON-BUL. F ANK-BLA.

Retreats are not possible. Fall 01 Moves due Sat., Aug. 21, 1971.

Upper case SUCCEEDS, including the English move I fucked up.
Lower case fails ignominiously.

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Now before we start on the meat of the game - and on the press releases - I have a copyrighted anecdote from Daniel Snell Barrows for to tell you. I am about to take on the job of watching a friend's house while same goes on vacation, and telling this to Dan brought up his story of the time he did the same for friends who went to Europe. This was in the early 1950's, in Calexico, Calif., a town on the Mexican border in the Imperial Valley desert. Taking care of this house was something of a pleasure for kids, says Dan, because in same was located one of Calexico's few TV sets. In those days there was only one station which could receive in Calexico; this was a very small-time, rather idiotic local thing from Yuma, Arizona. The daytime programming was almost entirely taken up by insipid kiddie shows, of the locally-produced variety, i.e. two rungs below Captain Kangaroo.

So one day one of the kiddie show emcees was reading letters from his viewers, over the air. He had obviously not prepared; he was opening each letter as he read. So he picks up one particularly bulky letter, tears it open, and reads on the air: "My parents were talking last night and they said you lost these, so I'm sending you a few." And the emcee proceeded to shake the envelope and knocked out two or three marbles. And then he turned what we presume to be a solid olive green.

MOSCOW (1 Jan. 1961): While the Tsar and Moscow Diplomatic Corps enjoyed fireworks from the balcony of the Kremlin, Grand Duke Colonel Alexei Poppogord issued a few fireworks of his own at a small gathering at Regimental Headquarters of the 17th Cossacks, commanded by the Grand Duke. While a full report will probably never be available, the few comments which have leaked out are already causing a major diplomatic furor. Of the Kaiser, the Grand Duke is reported to have said, "The only thing better than his punch is his head. He has had only one thought in ten years, and that died of loneliness. He still thinks that military tactics is an Avalon-Hill game. The German soldier is brave and tenacious, but with leadership like that it would be an even bet if they invaded a WCTU meeting." A few drinks later he offered a toast, "to the effeminate guards and the masculine concubines of the Sultan of Turkey. May he enjoy their delights until his spleen has split, his head has softened, and his country has fallen. The Sultan is the only ruler in Europe looking forward to ruling in exile on Fire Island." Of the Italians he said only (mildly for him), "any nation that would allow itself to be ruled by Pope Lucrezia deserves its fate." The Austrians he characterized as "pseudo-Germans having their stubbornness without their talent, their stolidness without their reliability, and their Puritanism without their honor. An Austrian will sell you his wife, give you his daughter, and then knife you as you lay satisfied in his bed."

MOSCOW (2 Jan. 1961): Tsar Nicholas announced today the transfer of the 17th Cossacks to the Trans-Siberian Command. "I have supreme confidence that Colonel Poppogord will carry out this difficult command in good order. It is unfortunate that the tense situation in Western Europe will not permit us to use spare transport or rations, but the march is only a distance of 2500 miles, and there should be plenty of wolves - or, that is, game - along the way."

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NIKOLYEVSKY (17 Mar. 1901): The 17th Cossack Regiment, decimated to 500 men, entered this post today to assume the defenses of the Trans-Siberian Military Department. Colonel Popogord immediately started a recruiting campaign to bring his regiment to full strength, citing a strong threat by "those buck-toothed Nips."

JAMUL: Jack H. Leonard, noted night-club comedian, announced today in New York that he has filed suit in U.S. District Court against one Colonel Popogord of the Russian Army, for allegedly "swiping all my lines, the dirty Russky." Legal observers state that the case will center principally on the issue of originality, and that the Colonel will defend with documents tracing the lines in question back at least as far as the Mayflower. "And who knows," bellowed Leonard. "We're finding new Viking traces here every day. Maybe they left a joke book." The interview terminated when Leonard's attorney whispered a reminder that that sort of thing was Popogord's defense. "Well, hell," muttered Leonard as he walked away. "I thought 'em up, but you gotta have a source."

JAMUL: Jack H. Leonard, noted Mesopotamian scholar, announced today that he had finally broken the oldest known language, Poplovia, dating from ca. 5600 B.C. The announcement was made at the 8:00 show at the Coconut Grove in Hollywood, and consisted merely of reciting excerpts from the original. Some laughs were recorded. But not many.

ROME (25 Mar 1901) (A Pic H): Players will note that this propaganda is certified as actually coming from the Italians because it is coded with an impossible or illegal move placed in the Italian orders. Nyaah, you black propaganda artists, nyasaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah!

JAMUL: Players will note that the above propaganda is certified by the Italian player (or whomever) as actually coming from the Italians because it is coded with an impossible or illegal order placed in the Italian moves; which illegal order, however, is not reprinted in said moves because of Grendel Press House Rule I/5.

ROME (26 Mar 1901) (A Pic H): Sarah Allen, the sweet red-haired angel of a Queen of Italy, today dedicated the Sweetness and Light Saccharine Factory on the banks of the Tiber. As usual, Her Majesty made a short speech and, also as usual, its tender, positive message moved all who heard it. Her Majesty's words:

"Dearly beloved subjects, we are gathered here today to bless and to consecrate and to dedicate this latest symbol of peaceful Italian industrial development. It is hardly necessary to say that the Italian Government seeks only peace and love and friendship and like that. Even now, our flower-bedecked fleet of Neapolitan gondolas is taking messages of respect and affection to the Bay of Tunis...or is it the Bay of Tunis? ...Biz? ...Saltan? ...well, whomever is in charge. Whomever is in charge? Anyway, it is Italy's heartfelt desire to do no more than improve the lot of her people and to seek peace throughout the world. Our message is simple: Let us live together in peace; we shall beat our swords into plowshares; neither shall we study war any more."

MILAN (27 Mar. 1901) (A Pic H): The National Stock Exchange was rocked today by one of the busiest trading sessions in history. Shares of Swords, Inc., rose precipitously from 10 lire a share to over 100, while International Plow shares plummeted from 25 lire a share to a point so low that investors could not sell them even when they quoted prices in Federkaggian krudniks. F.L.M. Flamini, President of the Exchange, was interviewed on this startling development and was told by one

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reporter, "This does not seem to be a proper response to the Jusea's speech yesterday." "Well," observed Flamini laconically, "you see, we know what Her Majesty means."

FLORENCE (5 Apr. 1901) (A Pic H): The bankrupt International Plow Company was today bought out by Snowds, Inc., which announced plans for the immediate conversion of current stocks of I.P.C. to "more useful items."

ROME (7 Apr. 1901) (A Pic H): Her Majesty today announced the appointment of Oliverio, Contino di Guerra-Zucchini, as Her new Prime Minister. In announcing this to the Press, the Queen said, in part, "We are certain that Daddy...uh, er, uh...that Il Contino, We mean, will do an excellent job." It was also announced that the new Prime Minister will include in his cabinet Girolamo Aspi as his Foreign Minister and Fungisbio Giganti as his Minister of War, while Riccardo Trahsi will be Minister of the Interior.

AXUM, ETHIOPIA (21 Apr. 1901) (A Pic H): The conquest of Ethiopia has not been easy, and many Italians have been killed. Pope Alexander VII, himself, has gone into the conquered lands to say a prayer over the Italian footsoldiers buried near here. After a touching ceremony, His Holiness extended His arms toward the graves of Italy's citizen-soldiers and began, "Our fodder, who art in Heaven...." Observers are wondering if "fodder" is canonical.

JAMUL: Negative. It's figurative.

JAMUL: The Jamul Atomic Reaction Testing Laboratory and Cheese Farm today denied that the Italian fleet was run on power supplied by melted Jamul cheese. "We sell a lot to the Pope," said Charles 'Shorty' Kluk, president of the firm, "but not to the navy. After all, cheese is known to be fatty and greasy.. And the warboats got plenty of that. I mean, we don't sell much cheese to Mexicans, neither." When asked why he thought the Pope then bought a lot of cheese, Kluk replied, "Grease floats. The Pope uses it to walk on water." Then Kluk smiled a moment and added, "Yeah, but come to think of it, all he has to do is take off his shoes." Everyone was left puzzled.

BAYREUTH (1 Jan. 1901): The beginning of the XX Century has set off the greatest celebration this capital has ever seen. Thousands of citizens still throng the streets eating, drinking, singing and generally celebrating. But while the people are out enjoying themselves, the War-Hall or Walhalla personnel have been working overtime preparing for the war which the Emperor, Wotaz von Weltesche, says "comes as surely as the warmth of Spring follows the icy winter." The Emperor has just returned from his latest wanderings to all the major, minor and insignificant capitals of Europe. Also to Gastritis. He reports that tension is high all over Europe.

In an address to the Imperial War Ministry he reported that the enemy must be crushed completely. Just who that enemy is, he did not say.

WANNFRIED (1 Jan. 1901): The National Cathedral rang with the heroic songs of the National German-Wagnerite Church as the High Priest, Friedrich Nietzsche, sang the litany of the New Year. The title of the Bishop's sermon was, "Wagnerism In The XX Century." The closing anthem was newly composed by Anton Bruckner, one of The Three.

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MUNICH (28 Jan. 1901): At the headquarters of the Second Imperial Army, Siegmund von Waelse, the oldest Field Marshal in the Reich, has just finished reviewing his giant army. He turns to his wife and says, "There, dear, that didn't take long, did it?" To which she responds, "But you were only gone a couple of minutes and you said you had to review your huge army and...." "No, no," he interrupts, "It was my giant army." "What's the difference?" she queries. "My giant army is made up of, giants: Major Father and Private Fascit," says he!

BERLIN (16 Feb. 1901): High Holy Mass was held today in the Church of the Immaculate Perception in honor of the coming of the Weiteschatten, he who casts a wide shadow. In the Last Days just before the Master's end, he foretold that one day on this date would come one who could come close to his magnificence.

The Mass this day was sung, as is tradition, by The Three: Bruckner, Mahler, and Strauss (who is sometimes known as Richard II). As the Mass says, "First came The One whose glory shone above the whole world. Now we have The Three who spread His glory about the nation. Then will come The Nine who carry the glory unto the far corners of the earth. Lastly will come the Weiteschatten, he who brings the Weltreich to fruition."

In attendance at the service was the nation's youngest and newest Field Marshal, Siegfried von Waelse. When asked about his plans, Siegfried would only say, "To go forth from the forest into the world, nevermore to return! How glad I am to be free...." U.S.W.

KIEL NAVAL YARDS (5 Mar. 1901): Grand Admiral Tristan Gottfried today expressed doubt as to the ability of the German fleet to function in the upcoming conflagration. "There will, of course, be victories, but until we grow stronger we can hope to do little."

PAOLI (30 June 1971): A youngish musician named Morgan
Was the organist down home in Bergen.

But the vicar remissed him
And promptly dismissed him

For pulling the pump on his organ.

JAMUL: Behold, now curly Winter flies! To northern ice-plains wends his way. He calls his ruffian blasts, a rushing host of tempests wild; they follow at his call. Behold, from rock and crag, the snows dissolv'd in livid torrents flow! Behold, from southern climes, by gentle breezes soft beguiled, Spring's messenger appears! (This is not a quote from Emperor Wotan. It comes from James Thomson, via Gottfried von Swieten and Franz Josef Haydn. But where did Emperor Wotan steal his quote?)

JAMUL: A ludicrous poet, E. William,
Wrote limericks bad, by the milliam.
But don't worry, Eric;
They're better than Peery c-
an write, and at least they won't killiam.

PEREGRIS (1 Jan. 1901): Her Majesty, the Queen, Lurleen III, today delivered through her chief minister, Lorenzo Cardinal Peericelli, a special message to the Parliament on the state of affairs in Europe. The Queen expressed her growing fears that the danger of war was increasing rapidly in Europe due to the expansionist tendencies of certain aggressive states. In order to assure the defense of the Kingdom the Queen has ordered a mobilization of certain units for the defense of the realm, and has announced that the Atlantic Fleet has been ordered to the High Seas to

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patrol the nation's coasts. The Queen also announced that Marshal Jean-Claude Killy had been placed in command of the National Guard.
MONTE CARLO (5 Jan. 1901): Rumors of a rebellion here this morning indicate the the famed Principality of Monaco has been seized by rebels desiring to destroy the traditional bonds of friendship between France and Monaco. It is rumored, though not confirmed, that a group of terrorists who have been plaguing the city for months have finally seized control of the town. Known as the Greenbean Liberation Front, GLF, the group is dedicated to eliminating gambling from the resort and replacing it with a free-love agricultural commune.

JERUSALEM (4 Jan. 1901): Jesus Bar-Shara is coming!

PERIS (5 Jan. 1901): The Government of France is gravely concerned at rumors from the Riviera that a French Army recently transgressed on Italian soldiers during a recent raid on the Sun Island and Swallows Midist Camp near the Champs Mar-du-Plais. The Government has apologized to Italy for the incident.

PERIS (6 Jan. 1901): The French Government finds it of interest that no formal communications from the Governments of Britain or Germany have been received by the Foreign Ministry.

NANCY (1 May 1901): The Army of the Seine today began maneuvers on the Franco-German border, not with hostile intentions but to test French defensive plans.

LIEGE (1 May 1901): The French Consul here today asked for assistance from the home government in quelling anti-French demonstrations here.

BETHLEHEM (5 May 1901): Remember, Jesus Bar-Shara is coming!

JAMUL: Jesus Bar-Shara drove in to the local gas station this morning, proclaiming loudly, "I have come! And I'm out of gas!" The station attendant, Ed 'Goat-Boy' McCoy, responded with an outpouring of intense excitement and faith: "Ethyl or regular?" Bar-Shara snorted and announced, "I can change water into gasoline!" McCoy looked reverently at him and answered, "Well, could you do it over there, then, 'cause I just hosed down the islands." Whereupon Bar-Shara said in a subdued, almost sepulchral voice, "Fill it - regular." McCoy performed the requested ablutions and then said, "Three ninety-five." Whereupon Bar-Shara screamed, "I am Jesus Bar-Shara. I am not concerned with the worldly goods of sinful man. I do not pay for sinful materialism." And he drove away without paying. Shortly thereafter, acting on a call from McCoy, the Highway Patrol arrested Bar-Shara and charged him with petty theft, obscenity, assaulting an officer, resisting arrest, and speeding. He is under observation at County Hospital Psychiatric Unit.

BRASSEY'S NAVAL ANNUAL, 1901. United Peoples naval forces were augmented this year by completion of the third and fourth units of the PAOLI class Coast Defense Battleships. Sacrificing speed and range for protection and armament, this design is already a proven success and well fitted to UP naval strategy. An impressive naval review was staged on New Year's Day at Trieste to welcome the Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Robert R. Lee. At dinner aboard the Fleet flagship, the Emperor reiterated UP naval policy of creating a force powerful enough to protect the UP coastline in the Adriatic and UP interests in the Balkans, which by its obvious defensive nature would not arouse enmity in those nations whose policies

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call for naval dominance of the Mediterranean. A note on the names of the four ships is appropriate: Bonnie Prince Charlie is a name from the illustrious history of the House of Stuart-Bonaparte; as are Napoleon and Paoli. Robert E. Lee is named after the late President of the U.S.A., who was the Emperor's godfather. Attilio, you may remember, was born in the U.S.A., while his father, the late Emperor Napoleon III, was serving as a General in the Confederate forces.

TOP SECRET. From: H.I.M. secretary. To: Foreign Minister.

The following is a verbatim account of H.I.M. statement at the dinner aboard Napoleon last night. Please clean it up for release to the press and the concerned embassies. "Yessirree, Bob, these are sweet ships. Big guns and tough hides. And if any of our friends get too uppity they might discover that they're a bit faster and long-legged than Jane's or Brassey's tell. Bully ships for a bully fleet. As any Wog that tried to mess-around in the Balkans will find out. And I don't need to tell you about our new torpedo boats, the big ones, that's the Stonewall Jackson class, and the not so big ones, the Job Stuart class. Relative of mine, you know. Any Dago fleet that wants to sail the Adriatic better plot a course a mile inland on THEIR side. We'll just pretend, though, that all those big Frog and Dago and Wog ships have got us so scaredy-like that we won't build anything that'd dare go out of sight of land. Sof' mouth and big gun, as my dear old friend Robert E. always said."

Hulme. The Flags of the World, Their History, Blazonry, and Association. London, no date (1898). Pp. 101-102.

The Imperial Standard of the former Austro-Hungarian Monarchy was yellow and had in its centre the black double-headed eagle and a bordering all round composed of equal-sided triangles turning alternately their apices inwards and outwards; the first of these are alternately yellow and white, the second alternately scarlet and black. On the displayed wings of the eagle are the arms of the eleven provinces of the Empire.

Sic Transit Gloria Mundi. This proud banner is now displayed only upon the right wing of the Royal Palace of the Hawaiian monarchs in Honolulu, where the unfortunate Hapsburgs moulder in exile. Today the Imperial Standard is that of Attilio Charles Alexander Felix of Stuart-Bonaparte, son of the late Emperor Napoleon III who came from exile to lead the 1878 revolution of the people which overthrew the Hapsburgs, saw the state reorganized into 6 districts instead of the former 11 provinces, and the importance of the varied racial nature recognized in the title of the Emperor, viz: Emperor of the Huns, Teutons, Slavs, and Latins. This revolution created a whole range of beautiful new flags, simple in design, but replete with historical significance.

Figure 213 shows the Imperial Standard, blue, with a rampant Unicorn in white. This ancient Stuart device is used, as the use of the Bonaparte bees was prohibited by the "Renunciation of Charleston," in which, in return for French help to the Confederate States of America, the late Napoleon III renounced all claims to the throne of France, all use of the Imperial Eagles and Bees, and the use of the name Napoleon by any of his descendants. The following figures depict the National Flag, five equal horizontal stripes of red, yellow, blue, white, green. These colors are those of the flags of the various races of the Empire, eliminating only the black in the Teutonic flag. Historical experts also

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state that it is quite probable that this is a reproduction of the 'five-colored flag' of the Huns which was referred to some 2000 years ago. The National-Flag also serves as the flag for both naval and merchant ships.

The flag of the Huns today is the horizontal tricolor of red, white, and green, hoisted in the Revolution of 1848 in Hungary. This year of revolution also saw the emergence of the Teutonic tricolor of horizontal stripes of black, red, and gold. The Slavic people's flag, red, white, blue, horizontal (like the flag of the Netherlands) is somewhat older; it was used in this region during the time of Napoleon I, and adopted as a national flag by Croat revolutionaries. The blue-, yellow-, red-striated flag of the Latin peoples echoes the colors of both Rumania and the former province of Transylvania. The provinces also have their flags; Vienna, a white cross on a red field; Tyrol, the white over green colors of some military units (the old eagle flag being forbidden); Budapest, the eight horizontal stripes of red over white of the ancient Arpad kings; Bohemia, the white lion on red; the Polish white eagle on red is forbidden in Galicia because of the "Renunciation of Charleston," so that district must make do with a plain white over red standard. Trieste district has a flag of half blue and half red, divided vertically, with the historic spear-head of the city in the center. Mention must be made of another flag, that awarded to military units and naval ships, the "red flag of honour:" red, with the Stuart badge of a white rose in the center.

JAMUL: Benny "Sot" Sturdman, president of the local Chamber of Commerce and Egg Ranch, officiated at ceremonies unveiling the newly-adopted flag of Jamul today. Ben, his fourth wife, his brother and sister-in-law (his former second wife), postmistress Elaine Dairymple, and Hable, Sturdman's mongrel bitch, stood proudly by as Benny first lowered the town's aging (45-star) American flag and even older State flag (the standard of California under Mexico), added the Jamul banner in the wrong place, and re-raised things. The three flags wafted smartly in the hot gale winds, signalling the new emergence of Jamul as "a city in motion" (Jamul sits astraddle the San Matias earthquake fault). And the flags have been there ever since, night (illegally) and day - eleven hours, to be exact. The new Jamul flag features roughly vertical stripes (very roughly, due to lousy sewing) of black, black, black, dark brown, and tattleale mauve, with a white Grade 'B' egg about two feet off of top center, an old Forest Service poster of Smokey the Bear, and the legend "Dammit."

Harry Manogg has offered other players help in designing their own national flags for this game. Harry is a fully competent verillologist and loves the stuff, so write to him. Personally, I'd like to see a full complement of flags for the game, including flags for provinces and conquered territories, military units, naval units, etc. I'll print everything in this regard that I receive. So get to work. Jamul now has a flag; what about the others?

By the way, a few things in the above Jamul flag thing are true. Elaine Dairymple is the postmistress. There is a Jamul Egg Ranch, the largest in San Diego County. The Jamul Post Office doesn't quite fly

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a 45-star flag, but they do still use an ancient, tattered 48-star one. And as for the Smokey the Bear line, after the huge San Diego County fire last year (which burned 500,000 acres, destroyed 200 homes and 800 other buildings, and killed four), Jamul was devastated. It was the second hardest hit community in the county. Two or three days after the fire, several signs appeared along the main roads in the area. The signs were old forestry posters, with Smokey the Bear looking scouly angry and the legend, "Smokey says OH HELL!"

Can anyone tell me when the last time a U.S. 45-star flag would have been properly used, and which state's admission made such a flag obsolete? (At least two of you should know right off, for different reasons.)

And now, the crowning glory of DIE SCHULDIGKEIT....contributed by Eric Just, whom I hope is planning a series:

